



**INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION**  
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**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF INDIANA )  
BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, INCORPORATED, )  
D/B/A AMERITECH INDIANA PURSUANT TO )  
I.C. 8-1-2-61 FOR A THREE-PHASE PROCESS FOR )  
COMMISSION REVIEW OF VARIOUS )  
SUBMISSIONS OF AMERITECH INDIANA TO )  
SHOW COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 271(C) OF )  
THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996 )**

**CAUSE NO. 41657**

You are hereby notified that on this date, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission has caused the following entry to be made:

On February 2, 2000, Indiana Bell Telephone Company, Incorporated d/b/a Ameritech Indiana filed pursuant to I.C. 8-1-2-61 and Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 a petition requesting that the Commission investigate various submissions of Ameritech Indiana showing compliance with Section 271(c) of TA 96. Ameritech Indiana requested that the first phase of this investigation involve a third party test of Ameritech's Operating Support Systems.

On Friday, April 14, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. EST in Room TC10 of the Indiana Government Center South, Indianapolis, Indiana, an attorneys' conference was held at which time the Commission notified all parties as to the procedures by which phase I of this proceeding will be commenced.

In order to take advantage of the economies of the 271 proceedings in other Ameritech states, the Commission is considering hiring Mr. John Kern to be the facilitator of the collaborative process throughout this proceeding. Mr. Kern would not serve as advisory to the Commission in his role as facilitator. The Commission still plans on pursuing the RFP proposal to select a project administrator who will serve as surrogate staff and be advisory in nature. The Commission would not anticipate allowing the parties to participate in the RFP process to select this project administrator.

The parties were given until May 1, 2000 to file their responses to the Commission's proposal and until May 8, 2000 to file any replies to the responses. In addition to the topics to be included in those comments that were discussed at the attorneys' conference, all parties should state any objections they have with regard to the selection of Mr. Kern as facilitator.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Camie J. Swanson-Hull

Camie J. Swanson-Hull,  
Commissioner

Abby R. Gray

Abby R. Gray, Administrative Law Judge

4-24-00

Date

Joseph M. Sutherland

Joseph M. Sutherland, Secretary to the Commission